

REMARKS

With this amendment, claims 21-23 and 25-29 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-6, 8-11, 13-20, and 30-57 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 7, 12, 24, and 58-87 have been previously canceled.

The Applicant has carefully and thoughtfully considered the Office Action and the comments therein. For the reasons given below, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

On pages 11-12, the Office Action states that claims 21-23 and 25-29 contain allowable subject matter. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C § 102

On pages 2-3, the Office Action rejects claim 8 as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,742,237 to Bledsoe. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Claim 8 has been canceled rendering this rejection moot.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C § 103

On pages 3-11, the Office Action rejects claims 1-6, 9-11, 13-20, and 30-57 as being obvious over a combination of various references. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Claims 1-6, 9-11, 13-20, and 30-57 have been canceled rendering this rejection moot.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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